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Dr. David Tomkins Dies After A Long Illness Last Saturday At Home

Death came to Rev. David Bevridge Tomkins, Ph. D., last Saturday afternoon, at his home on Winchester road, in this town, after a long illness. Dr. Tomkins was born in Ayrshire, Scotland, and as a young man came to America 46 years ago to complete his education in the new world. He entered Drew seminary at Madison, N. J., and upon his graduation became the pastor of the Embury M. E. church of Paterson, N. J. After serving this church for four years, he accepted a call to the Methodist church at Spring Valley, N. Y. After a work of two years, he was invited to become the pastor of the Second Presbyterian church of Princeton, N. J., where he rendered a most distinguished service of 28 years. Upon his retirement from the active ministry, he came to Northfield, three years ago to establish his permanent residence, although for many years he had been property owner here and had spent his summer vacations with his family in this community. He has supplied the pulpit of several churches about here at various times and has also ministered to the Methodist church at Turners Falls.

Doctor Tomkins received his degree of Doctor of Philosophy from New York university in 1914. During his residence in Princeton, he had been active in civic affairs and was a member of the Board of Education for 16 years, ten of which he served as president. He had also served as a Bourough Recorder. He was a member of the Directors of the Lord's Day Alliance of New Jersey and also of the national organization.

Dr. Tomkins was strong in the "faith" and a loyal and obedient servant of the Master, whom he served. His friendliness and sympathy marked his pathway through life, as he ministered to all, within and without the parishes of his church.

He is survived by his wife, who has been a loyal helpmate and companion for over forty years, and one daughter, Mrs. Herbert Randolph of Westfield, N. J. There are two grandchildren, Betty Joan and Doris Jean Randolph. Also surviving is a brother, Alexander Tomkins of Stratford, Ct., and a sister in Scotland. Funeral services were held Tuesday afternoon at 2:30 o'clock at his home, conducted by Rev. Dr. C. J. Culp of New Brunswick, N. J., assisted by Rev. Robert Bonner Jack of this town.

Commital services and burial were on Wednesday afternoon in the family plot in Evergreen cemetery at Elizabeth, N. J., with Rev. Dr. William Tucker of Princeton, officiating.

Bible School Closes

The daily vacation Bible school sponsored by the Congregational church, came to a close last Friday evening when an exhibit and promotion exercises were held with the two teachers in charge. For two weeks 86 children between the ages of 4 and 16 have attended the 3-hour morning sessions held in the vestry of the church under the direction of Miss Lou Ella Powell, a graduate of Nyack Bible college, and Miss Frances Wightman, of Houghton college. They are two of a group of 50 sent out by the New England Fellowship to do this kind of summer work.

Six classes were held daily. The beginners were taught by Miss Hazel Marcy. Primary I, made up of 13 six-year-olds, was taught by Mrs. John Fisher and Miss Ruth Fletcher. Primary II included eight in the 7-year-old bracket and was taught by Miss June Browning. Miss Wightman and Richard Watson were teachers for eight intermediates; Miss Powell for the nine junior girls, and George MacMillan of the eleven junior boys.

The exhibit consisted of hand work, and the exercises included singing and Bible readings. Many attended the evening exercises.

Engagement Announced

Mr. and Mrs. W. T. Heldman of Yonkers, N. Y., and Candlewood Lake, Ct., announce the engagement of their daughter Elisabeth Grace to Robert L. DeVeir of this town at a supper given in their honor last week.

Miss Heldman, a graduate of Middlebury college is doing secretarial work in New York City. Mr. deVeir, also a Middlebury graduate, is in training with the Naval Air Corps. No date has been set for the wedding.

Construction Work Along Our Main Street Is Pushed With Vigor

Travelers through our Main street, whether from town or abroad, must be impressed with appearance which destruction and construction can produce. When the new water mains were put in center Northfield, there was an innovation in the sight of seeing the dirt fly. Many watched the progress of the work, but glad when it was finished. Motorists even excused the bumps left in the roadway when the service pipes were extended across the road. Then came the beginning of work for highway construction and all along the two and a half miles of new roadway, drains must be put in and the new bridge built. It will take four miles of pipe to care for the surface water and this work is getting along well. Traffic is passing along, guided by special police. From Pauchang Hill to the Clapp premises work is going on, and trucks with their big loads rumble along. On Main street near the Congregational church, the rock which must be removed has been drilled and will soon be blasted. Northfield is to have a fine improvement when the highway is finished but the summer this year will be suffered to endure the inconveniences which work of this character causes. The electric light and telephone crews are busy with the re-setting of poles and changing of wires and the tree trimming crews have about ended their labors. The new building for the telephone exchange is being rushed along and now the conduit across the street is being put in. The town presents a busy sight. We will need a lot of patience in this community as we see the work progress.

Invited To Ludlow, Vt. To "Githerin" Annual

The annual meeting of the "Old Fashioned Githerin" which is conducted as a corporation will be held in the church at Ludlow, Vt., on Saturday, Aug. 2 from 2 o'clock in the afternoon to 9 in the evening. It will be a day of much activity and a full program has been assured for the sessions. Supper will be served for all visitors, which in past years have been counted in the hundreds and this year many more are expected. Many from Northfield are already making their plans to attend. Beside Dr. MacArthur, it is expected that addresses will be delivered by the Rev. Wentworth of Springfield, Vt., Rev. White of South Vernon and Rev. Turkington of Boston. The large band of 50 pieces of Putney, Vt., will assist in the program. There will also be a prize for the best old-fashioned costume worn during the day. A cordial invitation is extended to all to attend this interesting event, which has become a "fixture" with the Ludlow church.

Wants Old Aluminum From Our Housewives

Every housewife in this state is asked to contribute her old aluminum in the campaign to secure this material, so much needed in the manufacture of airplanes. Northfield joins in the effort, and A. Gordon Moody who has charge reports that the receptacles have been placed at Buffum's filling station, Chapman's store and at Tenney Farms office. Everybody now looks around and send your old aluminum down to these places. It will be a vast aid in the defense of our nation.

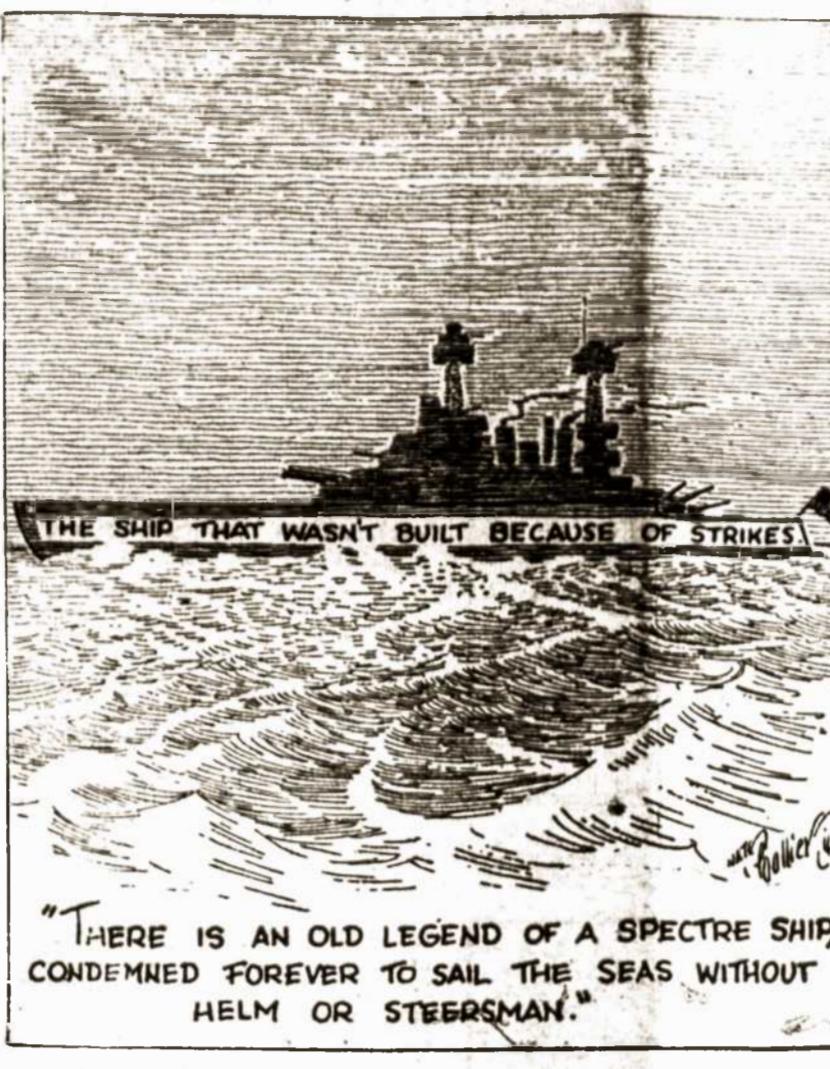
For Virginia Camp Concert To Be Given

At a meeting of the directors of Virginia Camp, held at the "Homestead," the home of Mrs. William R. Moody, on Tuesday, it was decided to make plans for the presentation of the annual concert in the auditorium on Saturday afternoon, Aug. 9. These concerts have been highly appreciated by those attending in past years and have been the source of considerable revenue, which is used in the work of the camp.

Sunday's Service

Rev. Lemuel K. Lord, minister of the First Methodist church at Hyde Park and chaplain at the Religious Education conference is to be the auditorium speaker next Sunday morning at 11. The Round Top service is at 5. There is no regular evening service for the public.

"THE FLYING DUTCHMAN"



Historical Society Has Jaunt Tomorrow

Members of the Historical society and their friends will make their annual historical pilgrimage tomorrow, Saturday. The trip will be made by motor and the cavalcade will start from the Belcher Fountain in Northfield at 1:30. As announced in last week's Press the destination will be Old Hadley where the "Question house" and the "Ben Smith Tavern" will be visited. All those making the trip should bring along a basket lunch. Everybody who is interested in historical affairs in the Connecticut valley is invited to make the journey. It is an opportunity seldom afforded.

The Control Committee For Alexander Hall

In order that the public may know with whom to confer relative to the use of Alexander hall in the high school building, we have been asked to publish a list of the committee with its officials, who have the care and custody of the hall. Mrs. Willis Parker is chairman and Mrs. George Sheldon is secretary-treasurer. Members are Miss Elizabeth Campbell, Mrs. George Thompson and Mrs. Harry Haskell, whose term expires in 1942; Mrs. Clifford L. Holton, Mrs. Ray Thompson and Mrs. Willis Parker, expiring in 1943; Mrs. Edgar J. Livingston, Mrs. Ruth Marston and Mrs. George Sheldon, expiring in 1944. Individuals and organizations must make their requests for use of the hall to them.



DR. J. F. WILLIAMSON

who will conduct the Westminster Choir college summer school at Mount Hermon, July 21 to August 11.

Will Visit Ft. Devens

Upon the invitation of Mrs. Ethel G. Hopkins, who is recreational director at the Red Cross station hospital at Ft. Devens, a party is being formed of young ladies in town to make a visit some evening next week to present a program of entertainment to the patients. Mrs. E. M. Powell will take charge and chaperone the group. The plan is to furnish music, and participate with games of various kinds.

Mrs. Powell's Message From Washington, D. C. On U. S. O. Campaign

Writing to the Editor of the Press for the benefit of friends here, Mrs. E. M. Powell who is in Washington on a visit with her husband for a short time, has this to say regarding the USO campaign for funds:

"Last Thursday, Mr. Walker asked me if I would help solicit funds for the USO in our town. I said I would be glad to do so, for I had gathered from reading the newspapers that it seemed like a good idea which was being backed by the finest citizens in our country."

"Last Friday I went to Washington and saw the USO already at work, and felt that one of the most constructive investments this nation can make at this time, when it is spending millions on destructive implements, is the

"I learned these facts: that General Marshall says that while the morale in camps is high, the morale of the men on leave is low because of inadequate means of taking care of their leisure hours. That in many cases, small towns near which big camps have been placed, are discriminating against the soldiers and sailors. In some towns public rest rooms and toilets have been locked from Saturday night until Monday morning, and no place has been provided for the men from camp. Soldiers often stand two hours outside a movie in line waiting to get in. Mothers are reluctant to let their daughters help entertain the men on leave, even in clubs.

"About 90 per cent of the men in uniform whom I saw were fine, clean-looking, healthy specimens, but if we want to keep them that way, we can't treat them as social lepers, and through homesickness and uncharitableness, drive them to lowering the whole standard of social living in the country.

"The USO aims to take care of families working for the government and men in uniforms in their free hours. I attended the opening USO party of the biggest Catholic parish in Washington. It was a dance in a Knights of Columbus hall. The next night I went to the Soldiers', Sailors' and Marines' Club, which has been running for 20 years, but now its work has increased tremendously. A gentle elderly lady, called 'Mother Steen,' is in charge. She was overseas in the last war. She is motherly, both with her boys and with the girls whom she invites there to help with entertainments. Her advice to every girl helper is, 'Don't do anything that will make one of the boys go back to camp wishing he had never met you.'

"Whether we all have sons or not, if we could see the need and the eager gratefulness of the boys and families working for all of us now, we would double our gifts for the USO.

"I know it is extremely hard in this peaceful valley to realize that there is a man named Hitler. From Washington to New Haven the trains were full of soldiers and sailors, and from the car windows ship yards and factories making defense work stretched as far as the eye could see, covering acres of land. But here in Northfield all that we have to remind us of war is our radio, our newspapers, and the trenches along the Main street with its bridge that looks as though the Huns had already passed our way. This summer we don't even have the refugees with us.

"Yes, it is hard to feel that we must dig down and give all that we can spare for the USO, but if we had one glimpse into the places where the funds are being spent, we would be convinced that this is a great life-and soul-saving enterprise. Surely Northfield will respond."

He Cut The Grass

After the ground about the new Center school was graded, seed was sown in the expectation of a fine lawn, but instead weeds rose to a height that they waved in the evening breeze. No one appeared to cut down the crop and our good friend Philip Porter put up a sign "keep off the grass," which remained in place for many days and produced a smile to all. Then along came Rome Spencer, who took in the situation and ignoring the sign, drove on the "lawn" with his Ford tractor with mower attachment and cut down the tall plumes. The job, however, is not finished, for Spencer probably thought it was too much for him. Perhaps now the members of the school committee will conclude the effort themselves, using scythes, with Maud Muller using the rake.

Christian Endeavorers Of State Will Come For Sessions July 26

Members of the Christian Endeavor organization will come to Northfield on Saturday, July 26 for a conference which will last through Aug. 2. The sessions will be held on the Seminary campus and the gathering will open with a dinner at 5:30 o'clock. The purpose of the conference is to study the problems of young people as it effects their religious life, and to train workers in the methods to be used in Christian effort.

The conference offers an opportunity for a real vacation of value, providing an opportunity for fellowship with a group of Christian young people and a training for Christian living in the church, the home and the world. Any young man or woman who will enter into the Christian purpose of the conference and abide by its regulations is invited to become a delegate and share in this experience in Christian living. The conference program presents in a most complete way, through worship, class room studies, fellowship and recreation, an opportunity that cannot be found in any other place. The mornings are devoted to interesting classes, discussions and devotional services; the afternoon to rest, study and planned recreation; sunset hours to Vesper services on Round Top; and evenings to interesting programs in which the delegates have a part.

The leadership of the conference is selected with the greatest care, bringing only those who are thoroughly competent and qualified to guide the thought and life of the delegates. Those who have proved their ability and have been asked for, by former delegates and their leaders. Teaching is only a small part of their work. They share with the delegates in all of the varied activities of conference life and are always ready to give individual help whenever desired.

A ten-hour class in Union Leadership is available this year. Ernest Marks of Detroit, Mich., field secretary for the Mirrigan Christian Endeavor Union and the International Society of Christian Endeavor, will give a comprehensive course of instruction. Credits from the International Council of Religious Education will be given for certain studies, and credits will also be awarded in all classes by the Massachusetts Christian Endeavor Union. A fine list of speakers and teachers for the many sessions has been announced.

The speaker in the auditorium on Sunday morning the 27th will be Dr. William S. Abernethy, pastor of Calvary Baptist church of Washington, D. C.

A "Githerin Meetin" At The Auditorium

During the sessions of the Endeavor conference on the Seminary campus, an "Old Fashioned Githerin Meetin" will be held in the Auditorium on Sunday afternoon, July 27 at 3:30 o'clock, conducted by Rev. Dr. Fred MacArthur of Ludlow, Vt. There will be plenty of music and congregational singing and soloists will appear on the program. It will be a most interesting service and all are cordially invited to attend. On the evening of the same day, it is expected that a similar meeting will be held at the South Vernon church with Dr. MacArthur again the speaker.

Miss Lillian Alexander of Boston has been visiting her mother, Mrs. Clara Alexander at her home on the Hinsdale road during the past week.

NORTHLAND Summer Conferences

1941 Schedule

- June 24-July 2—Girls' Conference at Northfield
- July 7-15—Missionary Conference at Northfield
- July 12-19—United Presbyterian Conference at Mt. Hermon
- July 15-26—Religious Education Conf. at Northfield
- July 21-August 11—Westminster Choir College at Mt. Hermon
- July 26-August 2—Mass. C. E. Conf. at Northfield
- August 2-18—Northfield General Conf. at Northfield

Many Women Attended Valley Mission Meet Last Week Thursday

They came from many of the cities and towns of the Connecticut valley, from New Hampshire, and Vermont in the nearby districts, representing the many churches whose interest has been alive to the missionary effort, both at home and abroad. More than 300 of earnest women arrived in Northfield by train and auto, to spend a day, in hearing and seeing many missionaries, who were in attendance at the Missionary conference which was in session during the week. With the regular delegates of the assembled conference, the total attending was close to a thousand.

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An offering was taken for the war-orphans of China and about \$60 was received, which will be sent direct to Madame Chiang Kai Shek, as had been done previously.

At the close of the meeting the visitors tarried and a social hour was spent in meeting and talking with the missionaries. The guests returned home in the early evening.

Group Holds Reunion

A group of Hartford Seminary people representing the class of 1900 held its 41st reunion at the Northfield hotel Chateau last Tuesday afternoon in honor of the Rev. Albert S. Hawks, Hermon '89, one of their classmates, who, with Mrs. Hawks and daughter, came east from California.

Luncheon was served at the hotel dining room and then the party of thirteen went to the Chateau, where an informal program of fun and reminiscences were enjoyed. Those present besides Mr. and Mrs. Hawks and family were the Rev. William Ballou, Chester, Vt.; the Rev. and Mrs. Walter R. Blacker, Richmond, Vt.; Rev. and Mrs. Charles A. Downs, Willimantic, Ct.; Rev. and Mrs. George Hawkes, Northampton; Rev. Edward H. Smith of China; Dr. and Mrs. Lewis Hodous of Hartford, who are spending the summer with Mr. and Mrs. Harry A. Erickson at Mount Hermon.

Rustic Ridge Astir

The ladies of Rustic Ridge held a Salamagundi party Tuesday afternoon at the cottage of Miss Therese Simar, Rustic Way at Rockside. Nearly 60 persons, young and old, enjoyed an afternoon of sociability and various games. Refreshments were served on the unique rock plaza so artistically constructed under Miss Simar's supervision. A goodly sum was netted for the road improvement fund.

A food sale will be held at the Misses Curtin's cottage, East Lane, near Rustic Way, on Friday afternoon from 3 to 5 o'clock. An invitation is extended to all, including our townspeople.

Miss Jane Romer of Summit, N. J., is at Sumac Lodge in Rustic Ridge for a visit of several weeks. Our community was without electrical service for about two hours last Sunday afternoon, because of the heavy rain storm over this vicinity, which in Bernardston broke large branches of trees, which brought down the wires.

Miss Flora Atkins of Pine Lodge on Rustic Ridge is entertaining her friend Mrs. Lina Wheeler of Cabot, Vt., this week.

Miss Edith Welch of New York City has arrived at her home on Rustic Ridge and expects to remain for the summer.

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Rel Tang Mustard	qt. jar 10c
Growers Table Salt	2-lb box 5½c
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TOWN TOPICS

A car driven by Walter Luciew of Meadow street, this town was struck by another car at South Deerfield last Sunday afternoon while traveling on lower Sugarloaf street and badly damaged. No one in his car was hurt, although the car which struck him, reeled over and its occupant suffered slight injuries.

Mrs. F. H. Briesmaster and Natalie Briesmaster of Valley Vista Inn were among the guests at the home of Mr. and Mrs. W. Heldman of Yonkers, N. Y., at which the engagement of Miss Heldman to Robert L. deVeir was announced.

Prof. Horace H. Morse of the Mount Hermon faculty addressed the Rotary club of Greenfield at their meeting on Wednesday evening at the Weldon hotel.

The Women's Auxiliary of the Brattleboro Memorial hospital will hold their annual flower show at the Elks' home on Thursday, Aug. 14. The show will be open both afternoon and evening.

Miss Bernice Ware, formerly of this town, has been spending a vacation of two weeks with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Robert Ware of Gill.

Mrs. W. H. Morrow has returned to her home at Mount Hermon after an absence of several months owing to illness.

Rev. Dr. C. J. Culp and family of New Brunswick, N. J., well known summer visitors here for many years, are staying at the Kendrick home.

Dr. and Mrs. Allen H. Wright spent last weekend on a visit with their daughter and husband, Capt. and Mrs. Ernest E. Leavitt at Ft. Ethan Allen in Vermont.

Mr. and Mrs. W. James Krisk of Mendham, N. J., have rented the apartment in the house of Rev. Mrs. Conner on Winchester road and will occupy in September.

Miss Harriet Weaver of Elmhurst, N. Y., many years a summer resident of this community has arrived at the home of Mrs. Grace Cornell for the season.

The Friendly class of the Trinitarian Congregational church will hold a food sale and afternoon tea on the lawn of Mr. and Mrs. Edgar J. Livingston's Saturday afternoon, July 26.

The former Northfield Farms home of Mrs. Ida Gailbraith of Greenfield was sold this week to Edward F. Sullivan, also of Greenfield, who plans to occupy the same for his home, after his marriage to Miss Abbie Burnham of Montague in August.

Mr. and Mrs. Herbert S. Stone of Chapman, Kansas who recently visited friends here are now in Chipita Park, Colorado, where they will spend the summer. Mr. Stone was a former manager of the Northfield hotel.

Mr. and Mrs. Dan Sutherland of Parker avenue are entertaining their two young grandsons from East Worcester, N. Y. for the summer. Their mother who has been quite ill but now improving will arrive later.

Mrs. Dan Sutherland who supervises the work of knitting for the Red Cross production department in town, has received another quantity of yarn for distribution to willing workers.

Mr. and Mrs. John M. Spoor of Kingston, N. Y. are visiting her aunt, Miss Ethel V. Lawrence this weekend at her home on Myrtle street.

Miss Barbara Mankowsky, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John Mankowsky of Northfield Farms, who recently graduated as a nurse from Mercy hospital school for nurses in Springfield, and took the state examination, has been informed that she passed and is thoroughly qualified.

A truck on the Farms road with a load of burlap bags when near the Galvis place, last Thursday was discovered to have a smouldering fire among the bags on top, but with the aid of men working in the hay field nearby, was promptly extinguished. Little damage resulted.

Rev. Thomas Fletcher, blind evangelist, of Worcester, and family is occupying the A. F. Bennett tenement for the summer.

Mrs. Barbara Moore, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Moore, has been selected as a counselor at Green Mountain camp at Dummerston, Vt., for this season.

The Northfield Grange will hold its regular meeting next Tuesday evening in Grange hall with a competitive program between men and women members.

Mrs. Lucy H. Folstead and Miss Dorothy Armstrong of Springfield, have arrived here to open their summer home on the Mount Hermon road, which they will again occupy this season.

Richard L. Watson, Jr., of Duke university has been visiting his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Richard L. Watson of Winchester road. He left last week end for Ft. Bragg, N. C., to begin his army service. Dr. and Mrs. C. C. Woodruff of Newark, N. J., with members of their family are at their cottage on Rustic Ridge. Dr. Woodruff is president of the Ridge association.

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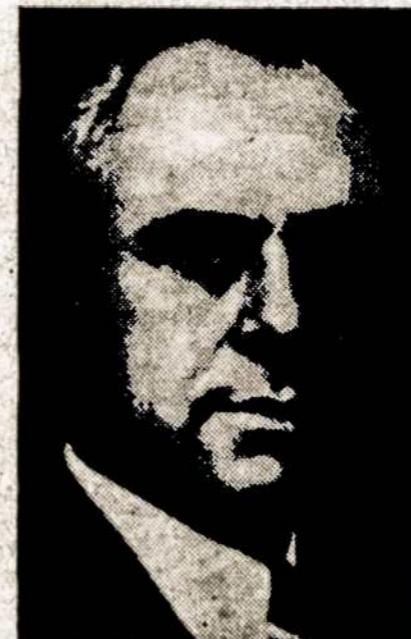
Side Application Pays

"Although good results are obtained from fertilizer used in customary ways, recent experiments show that better yields can be obtained from the same amount of fertilizer by improved methods of application," says H. R. Smalley, Director of Soil Improvement Work of The National Fertilizer Association.

For example, recommendations made from experiments conducted in Ohio indicate that side application of fertilizer for corn is very effective when properly done. And oftentimes more fertilizer can be used at a profit when it is properly applied. Without fertilizer a poor yield was obtained and half of that was soft corn and nubbins. The plot fertilized with an old-type method of application produced twice as much sound, marketable corn as the unfertilized plot. But when the same amount of fertilizer was applied in two bands with the new-type planter the yield was 6 to 8 bushels more per acre than from the old-type.

FARMERS HAVE BIG JOB IN NATIONAL DEFENSE

Washington, D. C.—"Farmers can take 'efficient production' as a watchword," says Chester C. Davis, Commissioner in Charge of the Agricultural Division, National Defense Advisory Commission, in a recent article in *The Fertilizer Review* telling what immediate action farmers can take in our national emergency.



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Fertilizer Profits Low

A ten-year average profit of the fertilizer industry as reported by the Bureau of Internal Revenue shows a return of only one and five one-hundredths cents on a dollar of sales, or 94 cents on each ton of \$26 fertilizer sold.

Figures just released by the Commissioner of Internal Revenue on corporation income tax returns by industries for 1938 shows returns for 274 fertilizer manufacturers. Of this number 161 or 48 per cent reported deficits. The average return for 1938 was 2.6 per cent. The S.E.C. reports returns of 16 large chemical companies not engaged in fertilizer manufacture showed a return of 20.5 per cent.

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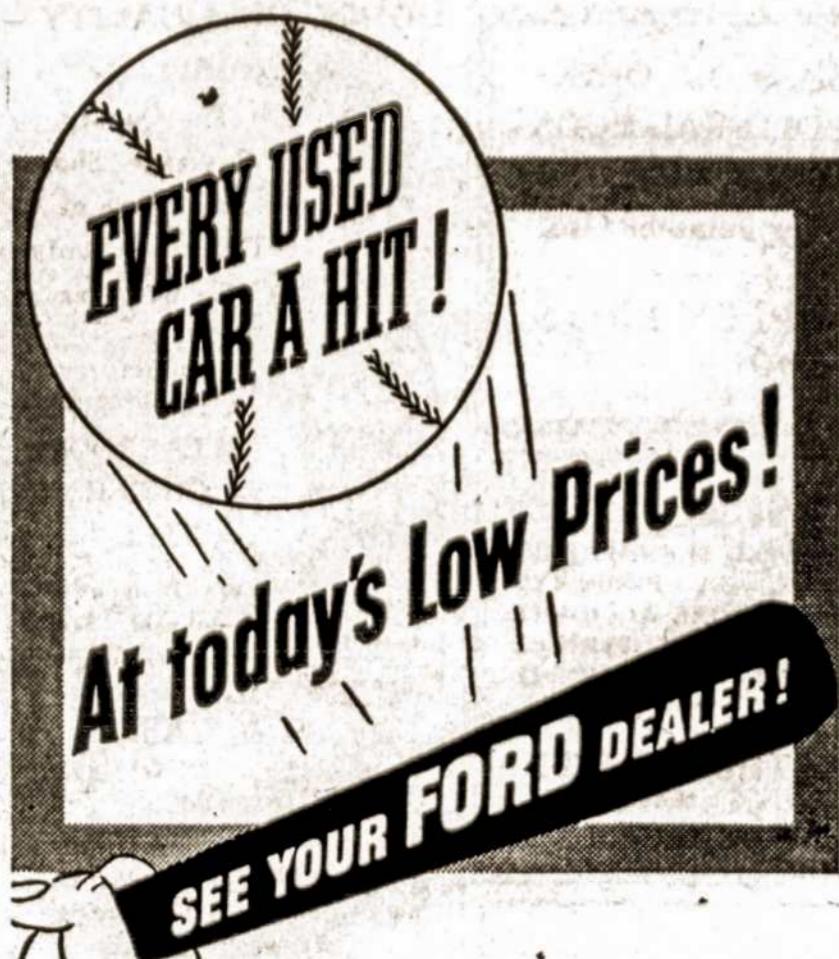
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Remove from fire, skim, pour quickly. Parboil hot jelly at once.

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West Northfield and South Vernon

TOWN TOPICS

South Advent Church: Morning service, 10:30, Rev. B. F. White pastor, assisted by Miss Gertrude Lewis of Quincy; Loyal Workers at 6:30 with Richard Lewis as speaker. At the evening service Miss Lewis will give an illustrated chalk talk. All are invited to attend.

Mrs. Ruth Holton and Miss Oonie Bills are attending the sessions of the summer school of the Keene Normal school.

Rev. and Mrs. P. H. Jaffarian of Bangor, Me., were recent guests at the Vernon Home.

Mrs. Harry Zalusky spent the weekend in New York.

Corp. William Johnson of Camp Blanding, Fla., is at the home of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. Alfred Johnson, for a 10-day furlough.

The committee chairmen chosen by the Loyal Workers society Friday to serve until January were Vera Vaughan, devotional; Alma Dunklee, social; Warren Brown, membership.

Miss Genevieve Wozniak has returned home from a two weeks' vacation at Camp Allegro, Silver Lake, West Ossipee, N. H. Steffie and Helen Wozniak have employment at the same camp and will remain there through the summer.

Miss Amelia Urigelwicz of Jamaica, N. Y., is visiting her parents here.

The Mission society of the South Vernon church is using mite boxes to secure funds for mission work in India.

There will be an infant and preschool medical conference at the Vernon town hall, Aug. 6. Appointments will be made through Mrs. Lawrence Johnson.

Corp. William Burrows returned Saturday to Camp Blanding, Fla., after a 10-day vacation with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Pliny W. Burrows of Vernon.

The local Grange held a public dance in their hall last night. There was a good attendance and all enjoyed themselves.

Woodford Anderson of Staten Island is at his cottage on the Ridge for the summer. He is entertaining his three daughters and their children. Mrs. Anderson is on a travel trip through Mexico.

Mrs. Nellie M. Wood recently paid a visit to the Dickinson library of which she has been for many years a trustee. This is the first time she has left the house since her illness and friends congratulate her.

Mrs. H. L. Dickinson of Mount Hermon has returned from New Brunswick. She accompanied her sister on her return home, who had been ill and convalescing while visiting her.

Mr. and Mrs. Hubert Eastman of the Hinsdale road enjoyed a vacation trip by motor about Maine and in the White Mountains this week.

Miss Alice Drake of North Plainfield, N. J. is again registered at the Chateau for this summer season.

Mr. and Mrs. Alton Watson and child have been visiting his parents, Dr. and Mrs. Robert A. Watson at their summer home on Linden street. Mr. Watson is an insurance adjuster and is leaving for his new home in Greensboro, N. C.

Mrs. Arthur W. Packard daughter of Mrs. William R. Moody has gone by plane to California, to join her husband in a brief vacation.

George W. Loos of Princeton who joined his family at the home of the A. G. Moody's has returned to his work, but expects to spend more time here later.

Mr. and Mrs. Harold Allen have taken an apartment in the home of Mrs. W. A. White on Birnam road.

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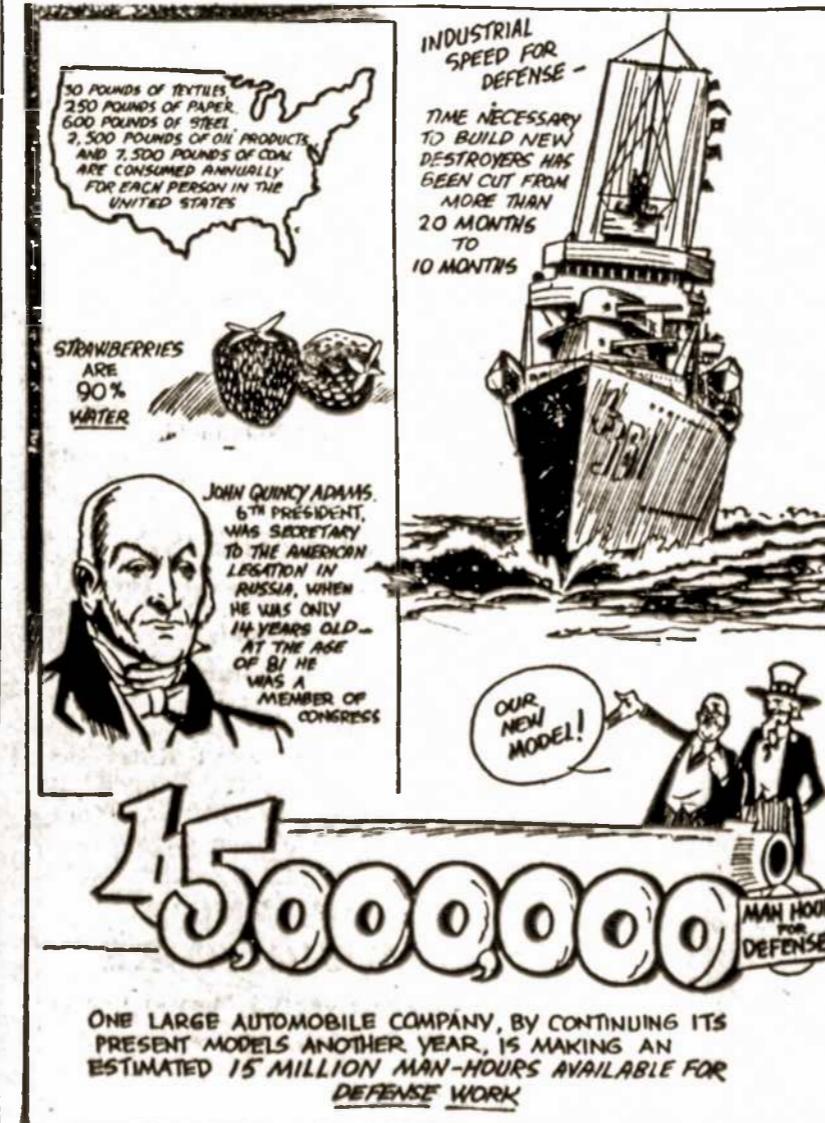
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EDITORIAL

JIMMY SKUNK

I have lived near the wooded section of this town for many years and I have yet to encounter Jimmy Skunk in any unpleasant manner, although I have seen many of them. They have torn up my lawn and sprayed my cat, but there's a reason. Many people speak in fear of the skunk, but I am impressed with his harmlessness. I want to quote Naturalist Burgess when he says, "Jimmy Skunk is absolutely independent, yet does not abuse that independence. He has the complete respect of all his neighbors. He minds his own business and expects others to mind theirs. He is not quarrelsome. Unafraid he goes and comes at will, for his freedom is complete. He is at all times a gentleman. He is a useful citizen, for he is an indefatigable destroyer of insects and small rodents. And through the value of his fur he adds annually a considerable sum to the national income. To call a man of questionable character a skunk is an insult to the animal and an exposure of ignorance."

The Back Yard Gardener
By G. O. Olson

This is one time when I wish I had the vocabulary of advertising and publicity men. The adjectives they use in describing such things as "Sucker's Scented Sausage" would be most helpful in telling you about the home garden program at this year's Farm and Home Week.

But since I am more adept at back yard gardening, I'll just say that if you're like most back yard gardeners — always looking for new ideas — the place to go is Farm and Home Week. My copy of the program arrived the day after the Fourth, and, would you believe it, they have five days of programs and more than 85 speakers — of course, not all of them on home gardens. Incidentally, you can get a copy of the big program by dropping a request to the Mailing Room, M. S. C. at Amherst, Mass. I'm sure you'll find other things of interest if you're not particularly interested in the home garden angle. For example, there is a program on homemaking, community recreation, dairy, poultry, fruit, and others — 17 in all.

Probably the best thing I can do is to give you the program and let you decide which day or days you'd like to attend. On Tuesday, July 29, there will be talks on petunias, past and present; lilies for the home garden; commercial production of herbs and medicinal plants by the amateur; nuts and small fruits for the home grounds; how home vegetable gardens can contribute to national defense; and a tour of campus gardens.

Wednesday, July 30, prolonging the life of cut flowers; new ideas in flower arrangement; botany in relation to flower arrangement; those three talks are on Wednesday morning. Wednesday afternoon there's to be a special school on flower arrangement and judging. This school is to be limited to 30 people and advance registration is necessary. So if you're interested, send your application to Clark L. Thayer, department of horticulture, M.S.C., Amherst, Mass. Then Wednesday evening at 6:30 there will be another tour of campus gardens.

Thursday, July 31, activities of the New England Rose Society; modern methods of insect control

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for the home grounds; azaleas and rhododendrons for Massachusetts gardens; and in the afternoon starting at two o'clock a tour of gardens in Belchertown and Ware.

Well, I think you can see that the home garden folks are going to have some excellent topics and the speakers of course are all outstanding authorities.

Of course every back yard gardener is interested in maintaining a good lawn, so you'll be interested in knowing about that particular program which comes Thursday, July 31. There will be but two speakers on this program: L. S. Dickinson, lawn authority from the State college in Amherst and Jessie A. DeFrance, lawn authority from Rhode Island State college. These two men will have what they term a fenceside chat about lawns, covering lawn seed mixtures, diseases, various turf conditions, fertilizers, and a tour of campus lawns which will show some of the problems one meets at home.

Another feature of the lawn program is that signed questions sent in before the program will be answered some time during the day. If they have too many questions to handle in the time allotted they'll answer them by mail, so if you have any special problem on lawns, you'd better send it along to Mr. Dickinson.

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